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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

INVENTOR(S) : Ludwig Pernstich et al.  
TITLE : **TRIPOD**  
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EXAMINER : Amy Jo Sterling  
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**RESPONSE TO REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE  
AND TELEPHONE INTERVIEW SUMMARIES**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication as to the allowance of the present application.

Applicants do not, however, acquiesce to the reasons set out in the Reasons for Allowance included with the Notice of Allowance. For example, while applicants believe that the claims are allowable, applicants do not acquiesce that patentability resides only in the features, exactly as expressed in the claims, that each feature of the claims is required for patentability nor that the reasons referenced and/or expressly stated by the Examiner are the only reasons the claims are allowable.

**Telephone Interview Summaries**

On or about August 10, 2005, one of the Applicants' representatives, Erik J. Overberger, telephoned Examiner Amy Sterling to advise her that Applicants were submitting a response to the final Office Action. Examiner Sterling stated that she would look at the response in the next couple days and get back with Applicants' representative should anything additional need be done to place the application in condition for allowance.


On or about August 18, 2005, Examiner Sterling called Mr. Erik J. Overberger and indicated that, with a couple of changes to the pending claims, the application would be in condition for allowance. In particular, Examiner Sterling indicated that the claim changes now included in the Examiner's Amendment mailed with the Notice of Allowance on September 6, 2005 the claims would be in condition for allowance. Mr. Overberger agreed to the changes.

Examiner Sterling indicated that the application still needed to go through a pre-allowance review on or about August 18, 2005. However, the Examiner indicated that if Applicants' representative did not hear back from her, the application would continue to be in condition for allowance and a notice of allowance would follow.

Respectfully submitted,

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